

<b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)</b>		Docket Number (Optional)
<b>FY 2009</b>		MERCK-3006
<i>(Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).)</i>		
Application Number 10/538,292		Filed June 10, 2005
For METHOD AND DEVICE FOR DRYING OF MICRO-ORGANISMS		
Art Unit 1794		Examiner Ellen S. Wood

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):

	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee</u>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$130	\$65	\$ 130.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$490	\$245	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$1110	\$555	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$1730	\$865	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$2350	\$1175	\$ _____

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

Payment by credit card via EFS.

The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to

Deposit Account Number 13-3402 .

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I am the  applicant/inventor.

assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71  
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).

attorney or agent of record. Registration Number 40,921

attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34.

Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34. \_\_\_\_\_ .

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January 21, 2009

Signature

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NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.

Total of \_\_\_\_\_ forms are submitted.

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